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Entitled: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR LOCATING LOST
PERSONS OR ANIMALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

September 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Prior to the commencement of examination please amend the application as follows:

Attached is a sheet containing Figure 4 of the application which was omitted from the original filing. Please note that the material contained in Figure 4 does not represent new matter and is described in detail in paragraphs [0020] through [0024]. The figure is merely a schematic representation of an additional embodiment of the invention.

Please note that this is **not** a response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated 5/14/2004. The Applicant has chosen not to respond to the Notice of Omitted Item(s), thereby maintaining the original filing date as the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, or 2/25/2004. Because the Applicant believes that the omitted drawing does not represent new matter and is fully described in the specification, the Applicant has chosen to amend the application to include the drawing via this Preliminary Amendment in lieu of responding to the Notice of Omitted Item(s).

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney whose contact information is listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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